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LETTER OF REFERENCE

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Reference for Yuhang Zhu

I have been asked to provide a reference for Yuhang Zhu, who is applying for a PhD student position at your university. Yuhang completed his MA in language technology at Uppsala University in 2024, and I supervised his master's thesis as well as a smaller course project. Yuhang's work throughout the two years of the program has been very strong, combining high ambition with solid technical skills and a good understanding of the research process. The master's thesis investigates whether cross-lingual transfer in multilingual language models is sensitive to differences in morphosyntactic realization across languages, such as grammatical categories being realized morphologically or syntactically. It is an original research contribution, which not only demonstrates his strong technical skills but also a good understanding of linguistic concepts. A further indication of his potential as a researcher is the fact that he already has a published paper at SemEval. I am convinced that he has all the skills needed to become a strong PhD student and I give him my warmest recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joakim Nivre'.

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